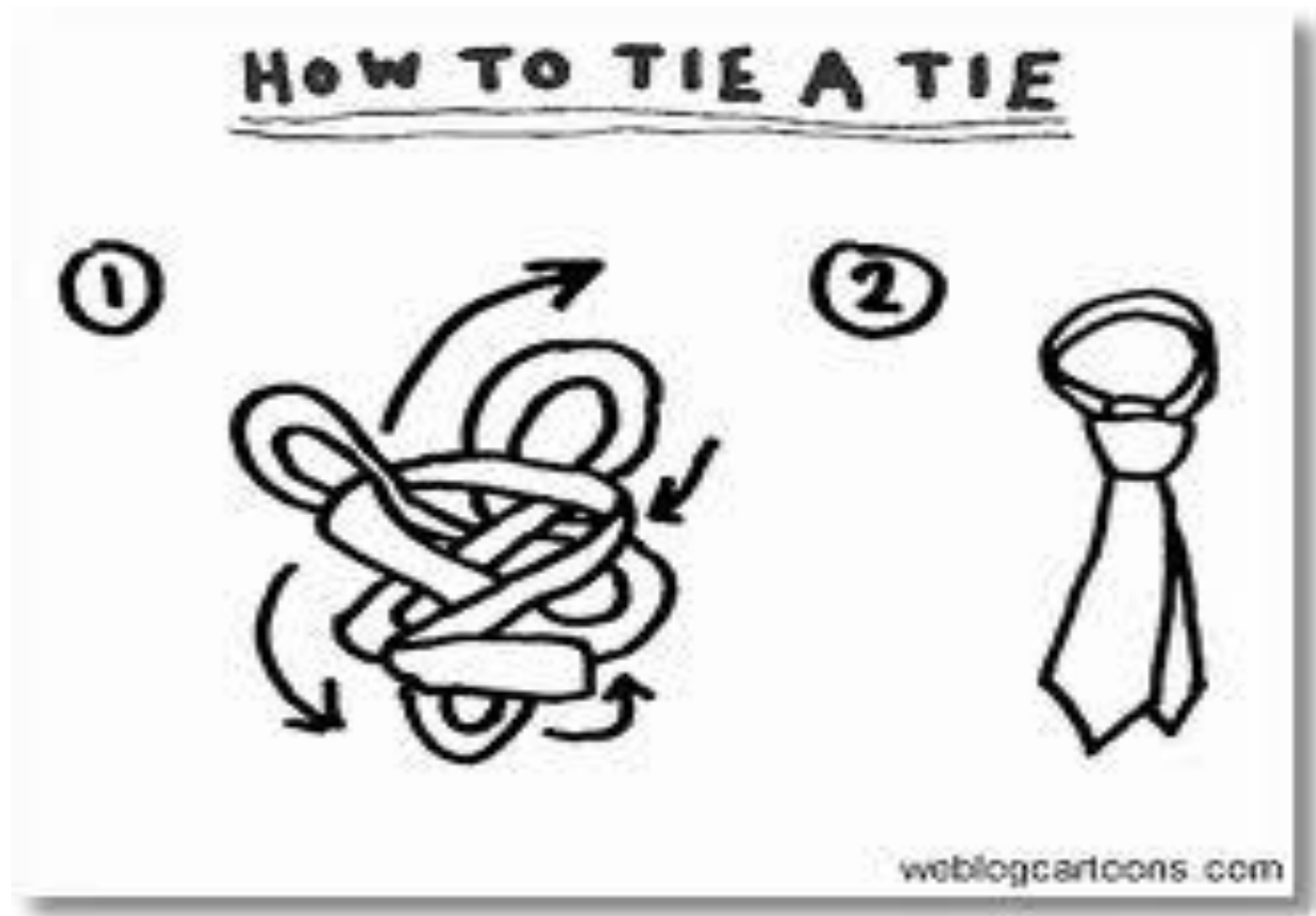


4.6 Informational Paragraphs



What is an informational paragraph?

- An information paragraph might describe a place, character, or process; narrate a series of events; compare or contrast two things; classify items into categories or describe causes and effects

Tips for Successful Paragraphs

- Before you begin to write, choose at least 4 related details (facts and information)
- Identify the main idea of your paragraph in the topic sentence
- Use the 4 related details to create 3 to 5 supporting sentences

Tips for Successful Paragraphs

- Organize the facts and details in a way that is easy to follow, such as chronological order or time order.
- Use connecting words between sentences to help the reader follow along

Tips for Successful Paragraphs

- All details and facts must support the main idea in the topic sentence
- Provide a concluding sentence
- MAKE SURE THAT GRAMMAR, SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION IS CLEAR AND CORRECT

3 TYPES USED IN THIS CLASS

- INFORMATIONAL
 - Writing a paragraph on Jim Carey.
- NARRATING A SERIES OF EVENTS
 - How to.....
- COMPARING AND CONTRASTING
 - Comparing and contrasting two different things

Informational

- Ray Scapinello



Informational

- Raymond Angelo Joseph Scapinello was born on November 5, 1946 in Guelph Ontario. Ray is the son of Dorothy and George "Sonny" Scapinello. He has one older sister, Dianne, and one younger brother, Dougie. Scapinello played hockey growing up and earned the nickname "Scampy" due to his small stature and exceptional skating ability. Despite being a skilled skater, Scapinello never made it into professional hockey, and had stopped playing by the age of 2.

Informational

- Scapinello spent one year officiating in the OHA before he was again invited to the NHL rookie official's camp. This time he made the cut and at age 24, was hired into the NHL in 1971. Scapinello officiated his first NHL game on October 17, 1971.

Scapinello finally did retire in June 2004 after 33 seasons in the NHL as a linesman. His career includes 2,500 regular season games, 426 playoff games, and 20 Stanley Cup Finals. Of these feats the most impressive is that he never once missed a game due to injury or illness. On June 17, 2008, it was announced that Scapinello would be inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame as an on-ice official.[[]

Narrating a Series of Events

- When working as a business man, you dress very professional. How many business men can actually tie their own ties? If this is you, the following paragraph will teach you how to tie a tie using a Pratt Knot.

Start with the necktie around your neck, inside out, with the wide end on the right, extending about 12 inches below the narrow end on the left. Next cross the wide end under the narrow end.

How to...tie a tie

Start with the necktie around your neck, inside out, with the wide end on the right, extending about 12 inches below the narrow end on the left. Next cross the wide end under the narrow end. After that take the wide end over and under the narrow end. Next pull the loop down and tighten. Then, take the wide end over to the right. After that Pull the wide end up, behind the loop. Finally, bring the wide end through the knot and tighten gently.

Comparing and Contrasting

- My hometown and my college town have several things in common. First, **both** are small rural communities. For example, my hometown, Gridlock, has a population of only about 10,000 people. **Similarly**, my college town, Subnormal, consists of about 11,000 local residents. This population swells to 15,000 people when the college students are attending classes. **A second way in which these two towns are similar** is that they are **both** located in rural areas. Gridlock is surrounded by many acres of farmland which is devoted mainly to growing corn and soybeans. **In the same way**, Subnormal lies in the center of farmland which is used to raise hogs and cattle. Thirdly, **these towns are similar in that** they contain college campuses. Gridlock, for example, is home to Neutron College, which is famous for its Agricultural Economics program as well as for its annual Corn-Watching Festival. **Likewise**, the town of Subnormal boasts the beautiful campus of Quark College, which is well known for its Agricultural Engineering department and also for its yearly Hog-Calling Contest.

- Even though Arizona and Rhode Island are both states of the U.S., they are strikingly **different in many ways**. For example, the physical size of each state **is different**. Arizona is large, having an area of 114,000 square miles, **whereas** Rhode Island is only about a tenth the size, having an area of only 1,214 square miles. **Another difference** is in the size of the population of each state. Arizona has about four million people living in it, **but** Rhode Island has less than one million. The two states **also differ in** the kinds of natural environments that each has. For example, Arizona is a very dry state, consisting of large desert areas that do not receive much rainfall every year. **However**, Rhode Island is located in a temperate zone and receives an average of 44 inches of rain per year. In addition, **while** Arizona is a landlocked state and thus has no seashore, Rhode Island lies on the Atlantic Ocean and does have a significant coastline.